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## REVISED Feedback on Updated District Maps

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To Whom It May Concern:

SPTU is rescinding support of Map 105 and 105a. We were not aware that it would force two council people to run against each other in 2024. As we stated previously, we don't want more political division as a result of redistricting. SPTU, therefore, will only endorse the Green map.

We still prefer a most balanced districting and suppose this may never be achieved thanks to the districting shenanigans with the previous Councilperson Khubesian and how the existing districts were drawn.

Because it's impossible to achieve the balance, we support Green Map.

Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Sincerity,

Anne Bagasao  
SPTU

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2022, at 7:40 PM, Elizabeth Anne Bagasao <eabagasao@hotmail.com> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

After listening to the presentation by demographer and comments from the public and Council on March 2nd, South Pasadena Tenants Union reaffirms its support of Map 105. We are also in support of Map 105a as an alternative. We are vehemently opposed to Map 103a.

There was much discussion and consideration regarding "communities of interest." It is apparent that Map 103a prioritizes the creation of a "community of interest" particularly in D2.

South Pasadena is one community of interest. We are geographically small with a small population. Almost every neighborhood houses the very wealthy to the very low income with Asians of all ethnicities and incomes living throughout the city. Map 103a creates a "community of interest" which is primarily wealthy, Asian and white. I'm not sure this is what the law intends to do.

Map 103a decreases the number of Hispanics and the lower income residents of D@ putting them into a district that is already underserved by their council representative. In

moving these groups into D1, the City would be marginalizing two groups in favor of one.

Another issue with Map 103a is that it does not ensure that every Asian resident in South Pas has a voice only those who reside in one of the wealthiest areas of the city. The Asian community consists of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino and Vietnamese. ( The breakdown of these various groups in each district was not provided to the City although they are available in voting data from the 2020 election.) These populations are dispersed throughout South Pasadena and represent many income levels. The argument that the Asian community can only be adequately represented if there is a new district drawn that segregates those residents from the rest of our community, is misleading and frankly wrong. It would do nothing to achieve equity for the many Asians of various descents and origins who live in D5 or D4 and who are renters.

The only way to ensure that the Asian population, and all citizens of South Pasadena, are represented equally is to create districts that strike the closest balance of every demographic between the five districts. The goal of the Federal and State voters rights acts is not to establish division, but inclusion. This can best be achieved through the implementation of Map 105 or Map 105a.

Sincerely,

Anne Bagasao  
Representing South Pasadena Tenants Union